

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee

FROM: Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst

DATE: May 6, 1999

SUBJECT: May 19 Meeting

Sen. Howard C. Nielson and Rep. Bradley T. Johnson have scheduled the next meeting of the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committee as follows:

DATE: **Wednesday, May 19, 1999**
TIME: **2:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **Room 403 State Capitol (Note room change.)**

An agenda is included. If you are unable to attend, please call me at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Howard C. Nielson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson, House Chair

Sen. Leonard M. Blackham	Rep. Craig W. Buttars	Rep. Keele Johnson
Sen. Beverly Ann Evans	Rep. Mary Carlson	Rep. Evan L. Olsen
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Sen. Millie M. Peterson	Rep. Fred J. Fife, III	Rep. Matt Throckmorton
Rep. Eli H. Anderson	Rep. James R. Gowans	Rep. Bill Wright
Rep. Melvin R. Brown	Rep. Tom Hatch	

AGENDA
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT
INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 19, 1999 - 2:00 p.m. - Room 403 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- C Approval of minutes of April 21, 1999
- Discussion of proposed July 7 field trip

2. Task Force to Study Funding of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Utah Geological Survey

At the last committee meeting, Mr. Braxton offered to organize a task force to develop solutions to deal with funding shortfalls of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Utah Geological Survey. Plans for the task force, including the proposed membership, will be discussed.

- Lowell Braxton, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

3. Noxious Weeds

Under Utah law, each county is responsible for formulating and implementing a noxious weed control program to prevent and control noxious weeds within the county. The Department of Agriculture and Food is responsible for designating noxious weeds on a statewide basis and assisting counties to comply with their legal responsibilities related to implementing a noxious weed control program. The department is requesting state funds to provide financial assistance to counties to control noxious weeds.

- Dick Wilson and Stephen Burningham, Department of Agriculture and Food

4. Wilderness Designation

In January 1999, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed a report on the reinventory of BLM lands in Utah. The report identifies an additional 2.6 million acres of land with wilderness characteristics. The BLM is currently in the process of determining which of those lands should be managed as Wilderness Study Areas. At the same time, the Governor's Office and the BLM, along with interested parties, are examining existing Wilderness Study Areas and reinventoried lands in the West Desert area to determine which lands should be recommended for wilderness designation by Congress. Mr. Banks and Mr. Barber will outline the processes and time schedules for these wilderness designation projects.

- Don Banks, Bureau of Land Management
- Brad T. Barber, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

5. Other Business

6. Adjourn

